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Students, protesters say ‘Hands Up, Don’t Shoot!’



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Students and community members participate in the Black Student Union’s protest at the K-State Student Union on Wednesday afternoon.

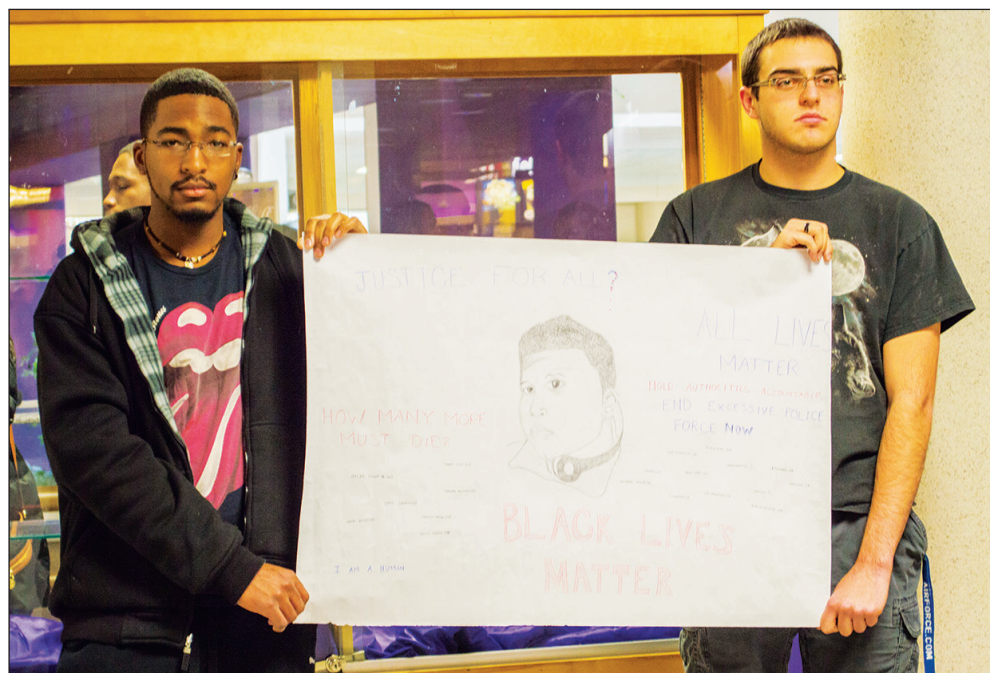
By TANEYSHA HOWARD
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The chanting of “What do we want? JUSTICE! When do we want it? NOW!” and “Hands Up! Don’t Shoot!” was heard throughout the K-State Student Union to protest against police brutality on Wednesday.

Khenady Gaines, freshman in finance, said she hopes to see change.

“I’m hoping that the community can see that we are serious and we are not just trying to make a scene,” Gaines said. “We want justice and we want to be equal with everyone.”

Members of the Black Student Union and their supporters wore all black and laid on the floor of the Union for four and a half minutes.

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Two students hold up a sign at the K-State Student Union on Wednesday during BSU’s “Black Out” protest.

compiled by Jon Parton

Hearing for same-sex marriages in Kansas denied

The state’s ban on same-sex marriage suffered another defeat Tuesday as the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals rejected the state’s request for a full court hearing of its appeal, according to a report by the Associated Press.

The U.S. Supreme Court earlier refused the state’s request to block U.S. District Judge Daniel Crabtree’s order to allow same-sex marriages. It’s expected that the U.S. Supreme Court will decide whether or not state marriage laws are unconstitutional.

Courts throw out lawsuit claiming public schools promote atheism

On Tuesday, U.S. District Judge Daniel Crabtree dismissed a lawsuit that claimed science curriculum in Kansas public schools violated religious freedom by promoting atheism, according to the Associated Press.

The lawsuit was brought about by Citizens for Objective Public Education, a non-profit group based in Peck, Kansas, as well as individual religious parents and taxpayers.

Crabtree ruled that the lawsuit did not claim specific injuries that would allow the case to proceed. Last year, the State Board of Education adopted guidelines for science classes that present evolution and climate change.

Kansas Farm Bureau elects new leadership

New officers and board of directors were elected Tuesday at the Kansas Farm Bureau headquarters in Manhattan, according to the Manhattan Mercury. Richard Felts, partner in Felts Farms, was elected president. The previous president Steve Baccus retired this year after serving for 12 years in the position.

Felts previously served as the organization’s vice president. He is a graduate of K-State, and holds a bachelor’s degree in animal science and industry. Jess Grossenbacher, of Bern, Kansas, was elected as the group’s new vice president.

Disease kills three monkeys in Kansas zoo

Three tamarin monkeys died last week at the Hutchinson Zoo. The bodies were taken to K-State for examination where it was discovered they had died from Lymphocytic Choriomeningitis, according to the Little Apple Post. The rodent-borne disease is highly fatal to monkeys.

John Wright, director of the zoo, said the zoo is acting to ensure the rodent population will be controlled and the rest of the animals are safe.

Local food bank feeds community during busiest time of year

By SCOTLAND PRESTON
THE COLLEGIAN

November and December are the busiest months for the Flint Hills Breadbasket, the only food pantry in the Manhattan area. Located off the corner of Ninth Avenue and Yuma Street at 905 Yuma St., the Breadbasket stays busy all year long. However, employees and volunteers find the holiday season to be the most demanding.

Maribeth Kieffer, executive director of the Flint Hills Breadbasket, explained that there is the same amount of need year round; the holidays only differ because those in need are looking to have family

meals, they just aren’t as fortunate to be able to provide those meals themselves.

Although these are the busiest

of income levels, according to the Breadbasket’s website.

The Manhattan community steps up during these busy months

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months, mornings are always the busiest times according to Valon Jones, client service coordinator at the Breadbasket, as it is when the pantry is open to clients. Clients are eligible based on federal guidelines

with a whole line of events, Kieffer said. The first of which was Cats for Cans that took place at the K-State football game against Oklahoma State on Nov. 1.

One upcoming community

fundraising event will be the Lighted Christmas Parade on Friday, where canned food donations will be collected. Starting in downtown Manhattan at 5:30 p.m., the parade will go to Aggieville, where the Aggieville tree lighting will take place.

Kieffer said that levels of donations this year compared to previous years are in the same area, thanks to the continued dedication of so many people that know what the Breadbasket does for people in need.

“Every part of the community is a piece to the puzzle,” Kieffer said. “Just like a puzzle, it takes all of the pieces to complete it.”

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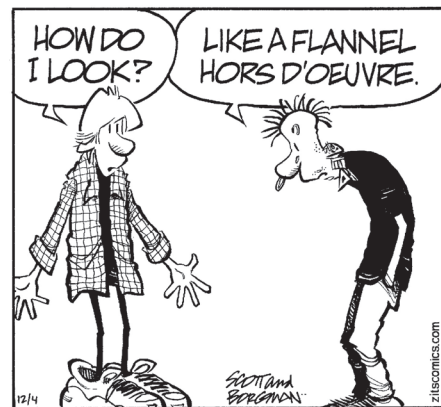
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Gatorade does not replace water

By KATIE WATKINS
THE COLLEGIAN

We know consuming the right kind of food and exercising are both important in order to live a healthy lifestyle, but drinking the right fluids before, during and after a workout is crucial to this balance as well.

While most turn to water, Gatorade has long since been considered an adequate alternative by many.

According to Richard Rosenkranz, associate professor in human nutrition, Gatorade's marketing has been effective at making the drink profitable as the go-to drink for athletes. As of 2013, Gatorade is the leader in the sports drink market with 75 percent of the market share according to Trefis, a stock trading company. The drink claims to boost energy and replenish electrolytes, but there is an uncertainty about turning to Gatorade during or after workouts.

Gatorade was invented in 1965 at the University of Florida for its football team with the aim to decrease cases of dehydration caused by long periods of practice under the

sun.

Rosenkranz said there was a wealth of scientific evidence that showed Gatorade was effective in delaying fatigue, enhancing performance and facilitating hydration. And with plenty of flavors to choose from, it proved to be a popular choice of hydration for college students and athletes alike.

"Most people drinking Gatorade seem to be consuming it for taste, to quench thirst, to emulate sport stars, to conform to social norms within an athletic context, for 'insurance' reasons around performance, or for unrealistic expectations about benefits," Rosenkranz said.

In addition to hydrating and boosting your energy, Gatorade also claims to boost electrolytes.

"For the average person working out indoors in the air conditioning, you should not be drinking Gatorade," Nora Hubler, a 2013 K-State alum in dietetics, said. "But if you're outside in the heat for over an hour, then Gatorade would be good to drink to improve your sodium potassium levels, which are electrolytes."

Katelyn Munsinger, K-State graduate student in dietetics, agreed with Hubler and said for the average person exercising, they should



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Gatorade may seem like a wise choice for a healthy drink, but technically it contains extra ingredients that an average person does not need.

stick with water to avoid consuming the extra calories from sugar that a person exercising indoors does not need.

"Many people drink Gatorade when they don't really need the extra calories or nutrients and health wise,

some of the products have quite a bit of sugar in them," Munsinger said.

According to Rosenkranz, Gatorade does improve electrolyte levels and boost energy, thus improving athletic performance. Therefore, Gatorade might be a great option for

athletes working in strenuous conditions like the running up and down the football field daily. However, for the rest of us who are content with the indoor treadmills and elliptical, it's probably best to stick with a bottle of water to lead a healthy lifestyle.

Fort Riley celebrates the holidays while honoring soldiers, military families

By CATHERINE CAFFERA
THE COLLEGIAN

It has officially become the season for holiday lights to decorate evergreen trees and tonight, Fort Riley will do just that with its annual holiday tree lighting ceremony.

The tree lighting, meant to greet the holiday season, is also a reminder for many of the sacrifices U.S. soldiers and military families have made for the nation.

"During the holidays we emphasize family values," Andrew Massanet, public affairs specialist at Fort Riley, said. "The strength of our nation is our Army; the strength of our Army

is our Soldiers; the strength of our soldiers is our families. This is what makes us total army strong."

Fort Riley Garrison Commander Col. Andrew Cole, Jr. will officially turn on the tree's lights. However, this is a little different than usual, as this role is usually performed by the 1st Infantry Division commanding general, Maj. Gen. Paul E. Funk. Funk is currently deployed to Iraq with his headquarters battalion. Regardless, the event represents a holiday tradition and history for the base.

"Official holiday celebrations like this have been part of Fort Riley's history since it was first built in 1853," Massanet

said. "It reflects the national effort to observe the holiday season."

There are also appeals for the children as well that revolve around the spirit of the holidays. The event will include a visit from Santa Claus, who will arrive in the commanding general's mounted color guard's horse-drawn wagon.

"Our Santa is the real thing," Massanet said.

The free event includes music by the 1st Infantry Division Band, holiday carols and refreshments. Festivities will start at 5:30 p.m. at Ware Parade Field, in front of the garrison headquarters at 500 Huebner Road at Fort Riley and is open to all citizens.

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Men across campus continue greek tradition of houseboys



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Houseboys for Alpha Chi Omega **Mathew Bille**, senior in social work, and **Andrew Walberg**, sophomore in civil engineering, prepare to serve the sorority women chapter dinner on Wednesday night.

By KATIE WATKINS
THE COLLEGIAN

Houseboys are students well-known in the greek systems as the backbones of sorority chapter dinner every Wednesday night. And with hundreds of women to serve between K-State's 12 sororities, many male students seek employment as houseboys.

Preparing meals for about 150 women per house is a big job, and big jobs like this require help and assistance. Houseboys are employed part-time and assist a sorority's cooks with preparing and serving lunch and dinner, as well as cleaning up all of the dishes.

Being a houseboy is not your typical college job. Corbin Pfrang, junior in biological systems engineering, said there are unique advantages of being a houseboy.

"One of the many perks of being a houseboy is the fact that you get free food when you work, along with taking food home if there is any leftover," Pfrang said. "You are also around girls the whole time you are working, which is nice since I spend much of my time living with guys in my fraternity."

Like all K-State students that work, a successful houseboy has to be able to balance his job and academic responsibilities.

According to Pfrang, the cooks they work under make the balancing act easier.

"They are very understanding and will almost force you to leave work if you have a test coming up," Pfrang said. "They understand that we are here for school first."

What makes a good houseboy? June Wilson, house director for Alpha Chi Omega, said an ideal houseboy is a young man that can be reliable, work independently and understands the importance of teamwork.

For Janice Tidball, the house director for Alpha Delta Pi, experience in the restaurant business is another great quality for a successful houseboy.

Behind all of the hard work, though, there is always fun to be had.

"Being a houseboy allows me to escape school mode for a while and enjoy the company of others," said Korby Anderson, houseboy for Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority and junior in mechanical engineering. "Also, the food is phenomenal."

In addition to being able to balance their work and school lives, Wilson said the houseboys sometimes go on to mean something more to the women.

"We ask the new houseboys to sing during chapter dinner," she

said. "More than once we have been surprised with a gentleman who can sing beautifully. We have also had houseboys who are now husbands of our women."

For Pfrang, there are little things every day, like making genuine friendships with the women and the people he works along side, that make going to work worth it.

"As long as you keep a positive mind, and don't let that one girl that is pretty high maintenance ruin your day, you will have a blast," he said.



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Andrew Walberg, sophomore in civil engineering and member of the fraternity Phi Kappa Theta, cleans dishes after serving chapter dinner to the women of Alpha Chi Omega on Wednesday night. Fraternity men have often filled the role of houseboy.

Students seek diversity through U.N.I.T.Y

By ARIEL CROCKETT
THE COLLEGIAN

Sometimes you have to complain less and do more to enact the change you wish to see. The change one particular group of K-State students want to see concerns diversity on campus.

That's not to say that the university is not racially diverse. But when it comes down to diverse groups, some students feel there is much room for improvement — this is why one group of students pushed for U.N.I.T.Y.

Under No Intent To Yield was formed by four students with intentions of uniting their peers to stand together in diversity and move toward change.

"We were all talking one night and realized there was a divide among women on our campus," Jordan Jackson, freshman in business and co-founding member, said.

According to Jackson, she and Sha'Cora Bramlet, freshman in nutrition and kinesiology, put the idea for starting up this organization in motion after Mikel Neil Jr., senior in kinesiology, suggested how to go about it.

"It takes more than one individual to create change, and one thing we stand for is creating that change with women on our campus," Kiana Hamilton, junior in social work and co-founder, said.

Jackson and Bramlet wrote the constitution for the organization before it was able to become official this semester.

"The whole point is to bring any form of anything together, whether it's your age, grade or your beliefs," Hamilton said. "We really just want to expand on anything that somebody has and make it work as a whole."

Hamilton said she knew that because they were such a new group, it would be a lot easier to collaborate ideas on what they wanted to stand for.

"U.N.I.T.Y. promotes diversity, empowerment and uplifting one another — and having fun in the process," Hamilton said.

In late October, the organization sought the help of some already established greek organizations as well as the football team to sponsor their first event as an official organization — the Powderpuff Football Game.

"Sha'Cora and Jordan, we're all good friends and they were telling me about the event so I said, 'Hey, let's give it a try,'" Demonte Hood, junior in family studies, said.

As a member of K-State's football team, Hood used his connections to spread the word and got his teammates involved to help support their event by coaching the teams — which were played by different sororities like Kappa Delta, Zeta Tau Alpha and Sigma Kappa. Hamilton said they chose the event as a way to get out of the norm.

U.N.I.T.Y. members plan to do more events in the spring semester to continue informing students about the organization's mission and encourage them to join in.

"If we can get people to support and join our movement, which many of them have, then we can accomplish our goal of bringing unity to campus faster," Jackson said.

Hamilton said that since the organization is so new, it's easier for each member to have a louder voice and collaborate on ideas on how they want to be represented.

"You know, you're always used to being with who you know, whether it be skin color or whoever you click with throughout your life, your high school, your college — whatever," Hamilton said. "College should be that opportunity where you expand."

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This was meant to symbolize the four and a half hours that Mike Brown's dead body laid on a Ferguson, Missouri street.

"It is my hope that the event that we did here at K-State will be the catalyst for people to start recognizing and seeing that we need serious change," Vuna Adams III, senior in marketing, said. "The injustices that are going on are gross and egregious."

Though many are familiar with the Mike Brown case, the protest was not just for Mike Brown. Bryon Williams, assistant director for admissions and BSU adviser, said he wants students and community members to know that when the Black Student Union is protesting it is not because of an isolated incident.

"A lot of people are looking at Michael Brown with tunnel vision," Williams said. "The stories that we read today were very intentional to show that this is an ongoing problem."

Justice Davis, junior in marketing and BSU president, and Williams read a list of names of

African-Americans who died in police related incidents.

Williams said it doesn't matter if you're a black male, a black woman, you could even be a 7-year-old child, like Aiyana Jones. Jones was killed in a police raid while she was sleeping on her couch.

"We (African-Americans) are not just playing victim," Davis said. "That means that we are not playing the race card. You can say that Michael Brown assaulted the police officer and that's fine for your justification, but what about these other stories, these other lives that weren't doing anything?"

Although Davis and Williams read the names of only African-Americans who lost their lives to police brutality, they said that the incidents mentioned are not just a black issue.

"I want people to realize that it's much bigger than a black problem," Davis said. "We have to recognize this issue and address it and demand justice for our communities and for the students at our school who have to go back to the communities

that all these tragedies are taking place in."

Davis said she hopes that people who don't see the importance or relevance of police brutality toward African-Americans change their hearts and their perspectives about what's going on.

"I need people to know that this is not a black issue, this is a human rights issue," Mercedes Perry, senior in human resources and minor in American ethnic studies, said. "If your human rights were being disrespected, if your human rights were nonexistent, I would fight for yours too, so I expect the country to fight for mine."

Perry said the demonstration was about awareness and hopes it serves as a catalyst for change.

"I just want it to cause awareness to the K-State campus because I don't want people on our campus to think that the Ferguson decision was just," Perry said. "So we did this demonstration and we made sure that people were aware of other lives that was lost to police brutality as well."

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Although the Breadbasket is frequently supported by the K-State community, there are numerous other organizations, volunteers and donors that help the Breadbasket serve the people that it does, according to Kieffer.

Currently, the Breadbasket is partnered with five churches in Manhattan that serve as pantries, while countless others collect donations from their parishioners. These churches include First United Methodist, Grace Baptist, First Lutheran, Seven Dolors and First Presbyterian. The Breadbasket sends food to these churches every Tuesday, where it is then served to those in the community.

According to Kieffer, two trucks travel to the east and west sides of Manhattan every

morning to pick up donations from establishments such as Radina's Coffeehouse, Chipotle, Olive Garden and local grocery stores.

However, there is a great need as always for both donations and volunteers. Especially since the Breadbasket has seen a huge increase in the number of people it serves since Kieffer took her place as executive director in 2011. That May, the organization served approximately 10,000 people, while today that number is more than 26,000. According to the Breadbasket's website, more than 23 percent of Riley County lives at or below the poverty line.

During this time of year, churches and organizations hold food drives where the items collected get sent to the Breadbasket's warehouse where it must be sorted. Bread-

basket volunteers sort the incoming donations into large cardboard boxes labeled peanut butter, Ramen, beans and more.

The Breadbasket has some volunteers that help out regularly. Erin Sullivan, senior in dietetics, uses her studies in nutrition to cook fresh food for the Breadbasket and volunteers every other Tuesday.

"They really make a positive impact on the community," Sullivan said. "They are kind to everyone, even making the effort to know people by name."

For Kieffer, it's important to have volunteers who really want to help.

"What we do is serious; people are hungry," Kieffer said. "You can come and have fun volunteering, but when it comes down to it, hunger is serious."

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K-State makes 15th apperance in NCAA tournament



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K-State setter **Katie Brand** passes overhand to her teammate during the first match of the game against Kansas on Nov. 12. K-State was swept by Kansas 3-0.

By TIMOTHY EVERSON
THE COLLEGIAN

On Friday, the K-State volleyball team (22-8, 9-7) will take on No. 20 Utah in the first round of the NCAA tournament in Lincoln Nebraska. It will be a similar setting for K-State who, after missing the tournament last year, will start the tournament in Lincoln for their third tournament appearance in a row.

This will be the 15th time in school history that K-State has made a appearance in the NCAA tournament. The Wildcats are 11-3 in the first round of the tournament with their last first round win coming in 2011.

2011 also marks the last time K-State advanced to the Sweet 16, a fear they've achieved three times, where they stunned No. 2 Nebraska in Lincoln before heading to Hawaii and eventually losing to Pepperdine in three sets.

K-State's last taste of post-season play came at the hands of Northern Iowa where they were swept in Lincoln in 2012.

Possible tournament opponents:
Utah:
The Utes are the only sure thing for the Wildcats going into the first round of the tournament.
Utah is 19-12 and 9-11 in the Pac-12

but finished the conference strong winning seven of their last eight with that last loss coming to undefeated No. 1 Stanford in Palo Alto.

The Pac-12 is far and away the strongest conference in the NCAA. 10 of the 12 teams out of the Pac-12 made the field of 64.

K-State and Utah have played both Missouri State and Arizona this season. Both teams beat the Bears in five set and both teams got swept by Arizona (Utah was swept twice.)

K-State is 0-3 against the Pac-12 in post-season play with the last matchup coming against Southern California in 2004 which resulted in a sweep.

Friday's match will be the first meeting between Utah and Kansas State.

Hofstra:
The Hofstra Pride are 28-5 on the season and are fresh off receiving a automatic bid for being the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) champion.

K-State is 1-0 against Hofstra with that one win coming in 2011.

The Pride has the CAA player of the year in senior outside hitter Kelsie Wills who had 498 kills on the season and 4.26 kills per set to go along with 30 aces on the season.

Hofstra did not share any common opponents with any of the other teams in the Lincoln region.

K-State has never played a CAA team

in the post-season.

Nebraska:
The host are sitting in a fairly familiar spot. They come in favored to escape their region and head to the Sweet 16.

While Hofstra might not present much of a challenge for the Huskers, the round of 32 may not be so easy.

Utah is a team that has been through the trenches of the toughest conference in the nation and has some key wins against some impressive opponents.

But, the main focus for folks in both red and purple is the hoped-for rematch of former conference foes Nebraska and Kansas State.

The Wildcats never were able to truly grasp the Huskers in their time in the Big 12 with Nebraska holding a dominating 80-4 record versus the Wildcats.

However, if K-State gets past Utah, it will hope to relive that 2011 match where both teams exchanged blows before K-State pulled away in set five to complete the upset.

Common opponents for the Huskers and Wildcats include Texas, who beat K-State twice and beat Nebraska in five and Michigan, who K-State swept in Ann Arbor and Nebraska spilt two contest with the Wolverines with each team sweeping the other at their respective home courts.

K-State is 2-3 against the Big 10 in the post season with their last win coming against Nebraska in 2011.



Wildcats set to take on Mavericks

By EMILY JACKSON
THE COLLEGIAN

After having their three-game tournament cut short in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, the Wildcats return home for the first time in nearly two weeks to face UT-Arlington.

The scheduling conflicts altered head coach Jeff Mittie's plans for the trip.

"We got a lot of beach time and a little basketball," Mittie said. "I'd prefer to get a lot of basketball and a little beach time."

The Mavericks lost their last

game against University of Texas-San Antonio, 55-63. K-State dominated UTEP 72-43 in the opening round of the Tournament of Hope last week. However, "facility issues" kept the Wildcats from playing their other two games against Santa Clara and LSU.

"We've got to just keep doing what we're doing in practice," sophomore guard Kindred Wesemann said about not allowing the layoff impact their play. "We've got to work hard and the biggest thing that Coach Mittie is still telling us is about not taking plays off."

The last time K-State faced UT-Arlington was Dec. 14, 2008

when the Wildcats 73-63.

Sophomore forward Breanna Lewis leads the team with her team-high 12.3 points per game. After struggling to find her niche through her freshman season, the sophomore has grown as one of K-State's most consistent scoring threats.

"I feel like everything is coming along and I am getting more comfortable as I play," Lewis said. "I feel like my confidence really comes from my team and the support that they give me even if I make a mistake."

Lewis and Texada both had 14 points in the game against UTEP.

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K-State forward **Breanna Lewis** goes for a basket at Bramlage Coliseum on Nov. 3 during the game against Emporia State. K-State defeated Emporia State 54-50.

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What are the facts?

While the BDS movement uses highly emotive language in their appeals for support—such as "ending repression" and "Israeli war crimes"—a closer look at the real motives of the movement reveals a more sinister goal.

First, note that the BDS movement focuses only on alleged war crimes and repression by Israel—and ignores real war crimes and tyrannical repression by other Middle Eastern nations and terrorist organizations. When Hamas and Hizbollah target thousands of rockets at Israeli civilian populations in violation of international law, BDS utters not a word of criticism, let alone a call for boycotts or sanctions. When Iran's government violently crushes peaceful protests and Egypt stifles its press and political opposition with a dictatorial hand, BDS is likewise silent. Why?

By singling out Israel for criticism and economic pressure, BDS employs a double standard—a hypocritical and dishonest tactic frequently used by anti-Israel and anti-Semitic hate groups.

The reason, as we'll see, is that the BDS movement is not really interested in alleged war crimes or repression. Rather its purpose is to delegitimize and then destroy Israel.

The second critical fact about the BDS movement is that while it masquerades behind words like "freedom" and "occupation," one need only listen closely to its rhetoric to realize that these are code words for the elimination of Israel.

BDS leaders oppose a two-state solution—why? While the United States, Western European powers, Israel and the U.N. Security Council have embraced a "two-state solution" as the basis for peace in the Middle East, BDS leaders, such as Ali Abunimah and Omar Barghouti, are clear: They openly and outspokenly oppose a two-state solution. Why?

Because when BDS supporters talk about "the occupation of Palestine," they refer not to disputed West Bank territories, but to all the land between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea—including all of Israel. When they talk about "freedom," they don't mean freedom from security roadblocks, they mean freedom from Jews in their midst. When they talk about "occupation," they mean not just Israeli security forces in the West Bank, they also mean Israelis "occupying" the state of Israel.

The third telling fact about the BDS movement is that it consistently and vehemently opposes any efforts to bring Israelis and Palestinians together to work in peace and on peace. For example, BDS leaders advocate boycotting cultural exchanges between Israelis and Palestinian artists. They condemn educational cooperation between Israeli and Palestinian universities. Most revealingly, they oppose peace talks between Israel and the Palestinian leadership, calling them "collaborationist."

BDS is not about "occupation."

In short, BDS is not about peaceful coexistence or ending the "occupation" of the West Bank. Indeed, Omar Barghouti, a graduate student at Tel Aviv University and BDS founder, admits, "If the occupation ends . . . would that end support for BDS? No it wouldn't—no."

Not only do BDS leaders admit this, but they implacably support the "return" of nearly five million descendants of Arab refugees who left during Israel's war of independence in 1947. In fact, most of these Palestinians are not truly refugees—fully 95 percent of them have never set foot in Israel.

Most importantly, the immigration of millions of Arab refugees' descendants to Israel would make Jews a minority in their own state. As President Obama has correctly noted, "The 'right of return' would extinguish Israel as a Jewish state, and that's not an option." Yet destroying Israel by flooding it with millions of Palestinians is precisely what BDS leader Barghouti insists upon: "This (the right of return) is something we cannot compromise on."

BDS's goal: "Extinguish Israel as a Jewish state." BDS unequivocally rejects Israel's many peace offers—including numerous land-for-peace proposals supported by the United States—and rejects Israel's willingness to sit down to direct peace talks without preconditions.

Thus, the facts make BDS's intentions clear: Rather than being a movement that seeks peace and freedom, it is a movement motivated by an obsessive hate of Zionism and Jews and opposition to the Jewish state—one bent on fomenting strife, conflict and enmity until Israel is utterly defeated.

If you support peace between Israel and the Palestinians, if you support two states for two peoples—living side by side in cultural, social and economic harmony—please oppose the ill-intentioned BDS movement in your community. Speak out against hateful, one-sided campaigns to boycott Israeli goods, to divest from companies that do business with Israel and to enact sanctions against the state of Israel. This is not the path to peace!

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